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The AIR wishes to thank you for your tupperware orders. A grand total of $6.68 will, as a result, go towards supplies for this publication. A rummage sale may be held at 306 Bardue next month. Anyone interested in participating, please call Carole at 724-0588. Proceeds will support the AIR. Your ideas and articles are, as always, most welcome.

AROMAS TOWN MEETING .... Wednesday, March 31, 1976 at the fire Station. An agenda will be posted at strategic locations about town. Those who wish to be on the agenda or who wish to help construct the format, please call Carole at 724-0588 and be present at the potluck lunch at the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive, at noon on Wednesday, March 24th.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION potluck lunch will take place Thursday, March 25th at the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive. Give considerable thought to the possibility of creating an ideal learning situation here in Aromas. The AGENDA: 1.) State definition of our educational goals, 2.) State preliminary definition of an alternative school which will achieve these goals, 3.) Prepare concepts for District review, and 4.) Hear from Susan McDougall how one such alternative school attained success within an existing California School District. Those in attendance will form a corps group which will visit many alternative schools so that we may formulate a practical program with new components for our community.

RAFFIE ... FOR AROMAS FIRE DEPARTMENT. Needed: "Traction Splint". Three tickets for $1.00. Three nice prizes. Drawing on April 15th. Buy tickets at the Adobe Kitchen or B & L Hardware. -Thank You-.

POTLUCK DINNER TO PRECEDE PLAYGROUND WORKSHOP. Be sure to set aside the evening of Tuesday, April 6th. We'll be meeting together for good food, good company, and good planning for the school playground environmental playground equipment. Come on over to the Jones' home on Viola Drive (3580) around 6 PM. Bring your family, your special dish, and your enthusiasm. Around 8 PM Joann Nielson, from the P.V.U.S.D. Community Services, will meet with us and tell us what is available in the way of funding for our equipment. See you at the Jones' April 6th.....by Donna Valdez.

BICENTENNIAL CONTEST...for children in grades 1-8 sponsored by the Watsonville Public Library. Categories: Ye Old Radio Show, Ye Old Story, Ye Old Book Cover Design, and Ye Old Bookmark Design. Deadline for entries is April 9, 1976. Rules for the contest are avilable at the library.

PARENTAL STRESS SERVICES. Professional Counseling. Groups. Listening Line. Public Presentations. 24 Hour Parental Crisis Line: 722-1211...Watsonville office: 406 Main Street, Suite 317. Santa Cruz Office: 532 Soquel Avenue....426-7322. Santa Cruz County provides this service. Letters of appreciation to county officials will help this program in being refunded next year.

THE FIRST AROMAS SPRING DANCE held on March 6 at the school auditorium appeared to those of us sponsoring the event to be a big success. It was well attended and people were having lots of fun - young and old alike. Over and above expenses we cleared $237.30 which will go to help send the sixth graders to a week of outdoor living and scientific exploration at Camp Hammer.

As we planned the dance we found lots of help and contributions from individuals and businesses in the Aromas and Watsonville area. We are especially grateful to Viola Herrlich who contributed a good many potted plants and flowers and to Melinda Carpenter who directed the floral arrangements; to Carol Maya and Bev Tondreau for their art work; to P & M Business Service who donated tickets for the dance; to Mc Donalds; Martinellis; Freedom Food Center and the Continental Baking Company for their help with refreshments; and to the sixth graders who sold lots of tickets and helped with posters and decorations (especially to Mike Lynn who stood tall atop the ladder in order to fasten the streamers to the center of the auditorium ceiling!). Special thanks also goes to Kim Steinhardt and his band, the MIDNITE ROSE.

We are very interested in knowing how others attending the dance felt about it. Your praise, criticisms and suggestions are all welcome. Did you like the dance? Would you like to attend another dance? What changes, if any, would you make in future dances? Any feedback we can get from you will be very much appreciated. (You can write or call me at 440 Snyder Avenue - phone: 722-1883).

---------- Susan McDougall
for the sponsoring committee

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB ... by Esther C. Young

Dear Aromas,

I hope your people were as glad as I that the Aromas Air published my article covering my first visit to the Senior Citizens Club in Watsonville. Since I enjoyed the program so much I thought you, too, might enjoy all the programs. But there is one law - you have to receive a Social Security pension.

Well here is the schedule --

Hot lunches are served every day for thirty-five cents or a donation except Saturday and Sunday. The club is closed on those days.

Each Monday there is a Spanish class from one to three PM. Information.

Each Tuesday there's a physical check-up and physical fitness excercises from one to three P.M.

Each Wednesday the Public Health Nurse discusses health problems. The Wednesday after next cancer will be discussed. Then the Club Board meets until four-thirty or five. It's very informative. Her meeting is not well known.

Each Thursday there is free Income Tax Assistance. Then Arts and Crafts between one and three P.M.

Each Friday there's Bingo games and an English class which takes up the afternoon.

Every day there is free coffee and tea for those who come early and enjoy talking with friends over a cup of beverage while lunch is being prepared.

On most days a "Young at Heart" elderly woman played familiar tunes on a mouth organ at each table during lunch. I enjoyed the good music very much.

Last Wednesday the lunch was a little late. So while the meat loaf was cooking a little longer a small, slender, black-haired Mexican man with a twinkle in his eye played the guitar and sang in Spanish. Then a nice looking young woman played the guitar and sang low and sweet. While she was playing the Mexican man jitter-bugged with one of the receptionists.

Aromas, don't you think this sounds interesting? Please come out and see. The address is 127 East Beach. The same street as the mental building. The phone is 728-1761 (International Senior Center).

The program might change but you can count on something interesting happening.

Maybe you could start a club yourself.

-THE END-

SENIOR CITIZENS, DON'T FORGET ... The chronic disease screening clinic is offered every month. This is an opportunity for you to be tested for diabetes, glaucoma, high blood pressure, and chronic lung disease along with Pap smears for interested women. Call 728-2206 for an appointment. Next clinic will be April 2, 1976 at Monte Vista Clinic, 247 Prospect Street.

RECREATION ... by Stephanie Harlan, Aromas School, 728-3611

There will be a Macrame class starting shortly for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. More information to follow in the next AIR.

The boys' baseball team is practicing hard after school. Their coach is John Garcia.

Noon games. The students are enjoying ping-pong and badminton several days a week at noon.

The guitar lessons are continuing on Thursday afternoons from 3:10-4:00. All students are welcome.

Aromas School sweatshirts and T-Shirts have been re-ordered and should arrive in 3 weeks. We still have the following sizes available at the school for sale: Youth Small sweatshirts (powder blue); Adult Medium sweatshirts (powder blue); Adult Large sweatshirts (maroon); Adult XL sweatshirts (navy blue). Call Stephanie to order one.

BICENTENNIAL GIRL SCOUT DAY ... by Benay Doherty, March 19, 1976

We had a Girl Scout Sunday March 7th at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. All the Girl Scout troops in North Monterey County participated with the Bi-centennial theme.

Everyone had a table display or a skit like a dance, song, or play. Our troop #4003, had a Bi-centennial embroidery display. We earned our needlecraft badge. The items on display were embroidered by : Benay Doherty, Michele Marestein, Mia Wikstrom, Barbara Smith, Christa Propstmeyer, and Cindy Pettus.

Our Junior leader is Mrs. Pat Brewer and Mrs. Sherry Maresteim is co-leader..

SPORTS ... by Mike Lenhardt and Rodney Bachman

BOWLING: This Saturday bowling again at Cabrillo Lanes. Two weeks ago Mike Lynn bowled for his first time and had a great game - he had a 188 in two games. Rodney Bachman bowled a 202 in two games.

AFTER SCHOOL BASEBALL PRACTICE is from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. It is open to grades 4-6 and will be held at Aromas School. The coach is John Garcias. Bring your mitts tomorrow. P.S. - Monday - Friday. ---

CALENDAR for MONDAY, March 22 through TUESDAY, April 6

MON. 22nd — 10-11:15. Aromas School Preschool Center open. Serves parents who volunteer their time in the classrooms.
10:30 AM, Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 722-9613
1-3 PM Spanish, Sr. Citizens Club, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville

TUES. 23rd — 10-11:15 Aromas School Preschool Center open.
1-3 PM Sr. Citizens Fitness & Body Awareness, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
2:30-3:30, 3:30-4:30, and 4:00-5:00 PM Orientation sessions for CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER (infants to 3rd grade) at Cabrillo College Call Aromas School for arrangements.
ICE CREAM SALES after school for 6th Grade Science Camp
7-9 PM Mexican Folkdancing at E.A. Hall School for upper graders
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: TALENT SHOW

WED. 24th — 10-11:15 Aromas School Children's Center open.
10:30 AM Library Auxiliary meeting at Aromas Branch Library

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WED. 24th
12 Noon. Lunch (potluck) for Town Meeting planners. All welcome. Jones', 3580 Viola Drive.
1-3 PM "Cooking for Two (or One)", Sr. Citizens Club, 127 E. Beach, Watsonv.
2-3:30 PM Aromas School Project Writing Team in Conference Room at school.
7-10 PM Effective Parenting, 95 Alta Vista Road, Watsonville
7:45 PM "Golden Kingdoms of the Orient" narrated by John Nicholls Booth at Watsonville High Auditorium. No charge.
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THURS. 25th
10-11:15 PM Aromas School Preschool Center open.
10:30 AM Preschool Story Hour. Aromas Branch Library.
Free Income Tax Assistance at Sr. Citizens Club, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
1-3 PM Arts & Crafts at Sr. Citizens Club, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
12 Noon. Alternative Education potluck lunch at 3580 Viola Drive.
3 PM Spanish at the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive
AFTER SCHOOL ICE CREAM SALES for 6th Grade Science Camp
7:30 PM HOW TO DO YOUR INCOME TAX. Aromas School.
7:30 PM Aromas Women'a Consciousness Raising, 728-2749, evenings.306 Bardue.
7:30 PM Aromas Volunteer Fire Drill
7:30 District Advisory Committee. Renaissance School. (6:30 workshop)

FRI. 26th
10-11:15 Aromas School Children's Center open.
8 AM to 4 PM PARENTS & BEHAVIOR by Marjorie Ingram of Hartnell, Santa Cruz Public Library.
10 AM to 1 PM Meet at Hall Elementary as group to visit Live Oak School.
2 PM Aromas School Project Writing Team. Conference Room at school.
6:30 PM Grange Potluck. All prospective members and old members welcome.

SUN. 28th
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Grange Breakfast. $1.75 for adults and $1.00 for children.

MON. 29th
10-11:15 Am Aromas School Children's Center open.
10:30 AM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 722-9613
1-3 PM Spanish for Sr. Citizens at 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
7:30 WILSON RIIES DINNER at Cabrillo Student Center. Tickets: 722-7909 or 724-3898. No tickets will be sold at the door. $5.50.

TUES. 30th
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Preschool Center open.
1-3 PM Sr. Citizens Fitness & Body Awareness, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
7-9 PM Mexican Folkdancing at E.A. Hall School for upper graders.

WED. 31st
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Preschool Center open.
1-3 PM Dr. James De Puy speaks about CANCER for Sr. Citizens Club
7-10 PM Effective Parenting, 95 Alta Vista Road, Watsonville
7:30 PM AROMAS TOWN MEETING, Fire Station

THURS. 1st
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Children's Center open
10:30 AM Preschool Story Hour at Aromas Branch Library
12 Noon Meeting: Alternative Education, 3580 Viola Drive. Potluck.
Free Income Tax Assistance for Sr. Citizens Club
1-3 PM Arts & Crafts at Sr. Citizens Club, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
3 PM SPANISH at the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive
7:30 PM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 728-2749 evenings. 306 Bardue.
8 PM "L'IL ABNER" at Watsonville High Auditorium

FRI. 2nd
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Children's Center open.
3 PM "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory". Freedom School. 40¢.
7 PM "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory". E.A. Hall School. 40¢.
8 -10:30 PM "L'IL ABNER" at Watsonville High Auditorium.

CALENDAR --- cont'd

FRI. 2nd — Senior Citizens Chronic Disease Screening Clinic at Monte Vista Clinic, 247 Prospect Street

SAT. 3rd — 8-10:30 PM "L'IL ABNER" at Watsonville Auditorium
11 AM to 4 PM CHILDREN'S DAY, Callahan Park, Watsonville. (Dance, Theatre, Films, Arts & Crafts offered) If raining, rescheduled for April 10th. By Santa Cruz Children's Commission.
3:30-4:30 PM U.S. Congressman Burt Talcott DISCUSSES THE ISSUES at the Watsonville Women's Club, 12 Brennan Street, Watsonville

MON. 5th — 10-11:15 Aromas School Preschool Center open.
10:30 AM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 722-9613

TUES. 6th — 10-11:15 AM Aromas School Children's Center open
1-3 PM Sr. Citizens Fitness & Body Awareness, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
2:30-3:30, 3:30-4:30 and 4:00-5:00. Orientation Sessions for CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTER (infancy to 3rd Grade) at Cabrillo. Call Aromas School for arrangements.
3:30 PM SHADES OF NANCY DREW. Dramatization. Watsonville Public Library.
6 PM Potluck dinner for Playground Committee at the Jones', 3580 Viola Dr. Joann Nielson will speak to us regarding funding for play equipment.
7:45 PM "Inside Germany" narrated by Russ Potter at Watsonville High Aud.

THE HAUNT OF THE NIGHT ... by Rhonda Lunsford, Room 9, Age 11

March 9, 1778. The sky was dark and gloomy. Everyone was asleep and all the lights turned out. I was walking home from a party. I was cold and tired and above all that I was scared because of all the noises that I heard on my way home. I was about three or four blocks from home when I heard someone calling me. I turned around and no one was there. I started to run. But it seemed like someone was running after me or else my footsteps hadn't caught up to me yet. I stopped running and I heard the calling of my name. It said "Why are you running?"

I answered back "I'm scared" and it answered "I'm only the spirit of the night". By the time I stopped running I was a few paces away from my house. I took those paces and as I was opening the door the spirit said "Good Bye." -the end-

(THE MYSTERY TEACHER) Color of eyes: blue. Color of lipstick: purple. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Favorite color: blue. Zodiac sign: Virgo. Color of eye shadow: brown or blue. Weight: 128 pounds. Color of hair: blond.

ANSWER: Miss Cheryl Walker

BATTLE OF THE ALAMO ... by Daniel Johnson, Age 11, Grade 5

March 6, 1836. A famous battle fought during the war for Texan independance. General Sam Houston needed time. A company of 163 Texans under Lieut.Col. William Barrett Travis tried to hold off between 4,000 to 6,000 men under the command of Mexican General Santa Anna. The siege began on February 23rd. By March 6 almost no ammunition was left. The muskets were used as clubs and the Texans fought until all but six were killed. This gave General Sam Houston the time he needed and so saved the independance of Texas.

STORY - NATURE ... by Christa Probstmeyer, Room 7, Age 10

One day I went for a nature walk. I saw wild flowers, hills, nice green grass, pine trees, and a blue sky with clouds. I also saw the bright sun, heard birds singing, saw some oak trees, saw flat land and meadows, ladybugs, and brush, baby pinetrees and baby oaktrees. I saw that, that day. It was a fun walk. -the end-

1. I made a wish, in a dish. 2. I find a cooky, because I just looky. And.. 3. When it's time to go to beddy, I'll be ready.

NATURAL FOOD CO-OP forming. ANYONE INTERESTED, call June Sylva: 722-2924. Any information regarding bulk rates, nearby outlets, experience in these matters? (722-2924)

WAY DOWN DEEP ... by Ann Hoberman. Selected by James Stephens, Room 7

Underneath the water, way down deep ... In sand and stones and seaweed Starfish creep ... Snails inch slowly ... Oysters sleep ... Underneath the water ... Way down deep.

A SIAMESE CAT ... by Bobby Mize, Age 10, Room 7

A Siamese cat is fast, sly, quick, and keen. You better not run up! Because he might be mean.

I HEAR THE WIND ... by Ronnie Bolton, 9 years, Room 7

I hear the wind ... Blow ... Through the weed, just as a gentle breeze ... I hear the trucks fly on by ... and watch the pretty light blue sky ... and watch birds fly sky high.

ONCE A CAT ... by Mary Pugsley, age 8, Room 3

Once a cat came to our house. He was black and had yellow eyes. Me and my brother loved him. I asked my Dad if we could have him. We asked to keep him and he said yes. We named him Midnight Boy.

SCHOOL BUSES ... by Kathleen Tidwell, Room 7

I ride the bus home at three o'clock ... Because I live around the block. When I see the bus at school ... Then people are following the rule. I like to watch bus forty-sever ... Because it looks like its in heaven. When I ride the bus I see ... Lots of flowers and many trees.

AROMAS, A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

There's a quaint little place they call Aromas town ... Just back of the hills where the sun goes down ... A sign in the park says, "A good place to live" ... And the folks that live there all have something to give.

The citizens there all feel like a king ... The climate's so nice, seems always like spring ... It's never too cold, never too hot ... And I think that there's nowhere a prettier spot.

The hills in the winter are usually green ... A more beautiful sight is not to be seen ... Can't see them at all when the fog rolls in ... But before very long it rolls out again.

There's a Baptist Church that cares for the flock ... And a quarry on the hill where the grind up rick ... A fire station that takes care of emergencies ... And a store where you can buy anything that you please.

There's a gas station and a restaurant where folks like to go ... A variety store, real estate office and a little P.O. ... The sounds that you hear are the patters of rain ... And occasionally the whistle of a passing train.

A fine little school for the kids education ... But what they like most is summer vacation. Then there's the Grange Hall down on Bardue Street ... Where all kinds of organizations can meet.

A river flows by, a quite nice little stream ... Kids like to go fishing or sit there and daydream ... Sleepy Hollow is what some folks call our city ... Fifty years behind time, they say (What a pity).

But I like country living, it's one thing that I treasure ... Away from the crowds and all of the pressure ... There's folks that's lived there since the day of their birth ... They swear there's no other place like it on earth.

A good place to live for a month or a year ... If I ever have to leave, I'll shed more than a tear ... A good place to live as the days pass by ... A good place to live til the day that I die.

By: MAXINE FOX
Viola Drive

(The AIR regrets that this poem was not printed in its proper form, due to lack of space. Just imagine a new line where each three dots appear!) Dots all folks!!!